

## CROATIAN BRANCH OF THE COCHRANE COLLABORATION

Assistant Professor Livia Puljak, MD, PhD

University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia

e-mail: [livia@mefst.hr](mailto:livia@mefst.hr)

The Cochrane Collaboration is a non-profit international organization, established in 1993, with the goal of improving health care decision-making globally, through systematic review of the effects of healthcare interventions. Cochrane reviews are considered a golden standard in evidence-based medicine (EBM) and are published in The Cochrane Library. In 2008, a branch of The Cochrane Collaboration was founded in Split, Croatia in 2008 to promote EBM and systematic reviews in Croatia and neighboring countries. Annual Cochrane Symposium has been organized since 2009. There are a number of ways in which Croatian healthcare workers can get involved with the Croatian

Cochrane Branch: becoming a review author, defending a doctoral thesis based on a Cochrane review, getting involved as an editor of a Cochrane editorial team, becoming a Field member, providing methodological expert advice, being a hand searcher or translator, helping in fundraising and simply - using The Cochrane Library and other EBM resources. Lay people can also get involved as representatives of consumers, i.e. patients. Since goals of The Cochrane Collaboration are very ambitious, they take a lot of skills and time, so everybody's invited to take part in this movement and in such way help change the world.